

Bedford Town Finance Committee

Date February 10, 2011

FY12 Reserve Fund \$404,000

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Finance Committee Members Present: Tom Busa, Bob Kenney, Peter Bentley, Barbara Perry, Meredith McCulloch, Richard Bowen, Teri Morrow

Also Attending: Bill Moonan, Ed Pierce, Debbie Champagne, Richard Warrington, Mark Siegenthaler, Irene Gravine, Mark Sullivan, Peter Naum

Meeting Discussions and Actions:

1. Peter Naum reviewed the status of the unused level capacity as identified in Financial Model Version 5.5 as of 2/10/2011.
2. David Grunes, Fire Chief, discussed two items the Fire Department is very interested in presenting to residents of the Town at Annual Town Meeting. The first is moving the control of Fire Lanes from the Selectmen to the Fire Department.

The second is to recommend to Annual Town Meeting an Ambulance Service Enterprise Fund be established. This will allow a separate accounting and reporting system from that of the Town General Fund. Use of this accounting method provides a pilot program for Bedford to evaluate the benefits of enterprise accounting, which is used by several other communities in the State. If Annual Town Meeting establishes an enterprise System, it must be for a three year commitment.

3. Rick Reed and Richard Warrington presented Five Warrant Articles to be discussed at Annual Town Meeting. Warrant Article 8. Bylaw Amendment update text for Sewer System. A Motion was made to recommend to Annual Town Meeting approval of Article 8. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Bob Kenney. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
4. Warrant Article 9. Bylaw Amendment Scenic Roads. The change to the Scenic Roads Bylaw will include a specific fine amount. A Motion was made to recommend approval to Annual Town Meeting for text change. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Richard Bowen. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0

5. Warrant Article 12. Wilson Mill Easement. Selectmen would be allowed to use the easement for future access for dam maintenance. Motion made to recommend approval to Annual Town Meeting for Article 12. Motion moved by Meredith McCulloch. Seconded by Peter Bentley. Vote to approve Motion. 6-0-1
6. Warrant Article 13. Refuse Collection Contract. Article allows Selectmen to execute refuse and recyclables. A Motion was made to recommend action for Article 13. at Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
7. Warrant Article 15. Construct a Synthetic Turf Field Bond Authorization. Construct a Synthetic Turf at Bedford High School. A Motion was made to postpone action on Article 15. Motion moved by Peter Bentley. Seconded by Bob Kenney. Vote to approve Motion. 5-1-1
8. Warrant Article 2. Debate Rules. Method used to conduct Annual Town Meeting. A Motion was made to recommend approve Article 2. Debate Rules. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion 7-0-0
9. Warrant Article 3. Consent Article. Allows Town Employees to conduct Town Business. Motion was made to recommend approval Article 3. Consent Article. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
10. Warrant Article 4. Reauthorization of Revolving Funds. A Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 4. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
11. Warrant Article 5. Bills of Prior Years. A Motion was made to recommend action at Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
12. Warrant Article 6. Small Personal Property Exemption. A Motion was made to approve Article 6. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
13. Warrant Article 7. Bylaw Amendment Repeal of Fire Lanes. Change allows Fire Chief to Establish fire lanes. A Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 7, Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0

14. Warrant Article 10. Bylaw Amendments Stretch Energy Code. Article will establish a more energy efficient building code. A Motion was made to recommend action at Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry . Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
15. Warrant Article 11. Tax Increment Financing Agreement 5 Alfred Circle. A Motion was made to recommend action at Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
16. Warrant Article 14. Capital Projects Plan – Fiscal Year 2012. A Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 14. Capital Projects Plan Fiscal Year 2012. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion 7-0-0
17. Warrant Article 16. Community Preservation Budget – Fiscal Year 2012. A Motion was made to recommend approval of all eight line items included in the Budget. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Meredith McCulloch. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
18. Warrant Article 17. Amend Prior CPA Budgets. A Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 17. Motion was made by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Meredith McCulloch. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
19. Warrant Article 18. Supplement Operating Budgets for Fiscal Year 2011 and Articles of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. A Motion was made to recommend action at Annual Town Meeting. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Richard Bowen. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
20. Warrant Article 19. Establishment of Ambulance Enterprise Fund. A Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 19. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0
21. Warrant Article 21. Establishment of Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund. A Motion was made to recommend approval of Article 21. Motion moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0

22. Warrant Article 22. Fund Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund. A Motion was made to recommend action at Annual Town Meeting. Motion was moved by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Barbara Perry. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0-0

23. Warrant Article 23 Free Cash. A Motion was made to recommend action on Article 23. at Annual Town Meeting, Motion was made by Teri Morrow. Seconded by Bob Kenney. Vote to approve Motion. 7-0—0